



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 6

Meeting Date: February 1, 2006

Meeting Location: Miami County DCS Office

Council Members Present: Chair Glynn Hipp, DCS Regional Manager, Judge Julian Ridlen, Cass County, Judge Doug Morton, Fulton County, Judge Lynn Murray, Howard County, Ruby Troglen, Fulton County Foster Parent, Margery Justice, Wabash County DCS Director, Roger Suhre, Howard County DCS Director, Fay Russell, Miami County DCS Director, Marilyn Robinson, Howard County DCS Supervisor, and Ramona Mahoney, Fulton County DCS Family Case Manager.

Council Member Absent: Barbara Hendrickson, Guardian Ad Litem

Others In Attendance: Judge Bob McCallen, Wabash County, Chris Ackerman, Fulton County DCS Director, James Shively, Regional Child Welfare Services, Penny Pitcock, Regional Child Welfare Services, Tracey Riggle, White's Regional Manager, and Kay McInnis, White's Residential Services.

<h3>Meeting Minutes</h3>

Meeting Called to Order at: 4:05 p.m. by Council Chair Glynn Hipp

1. Council members reviewed the minutes of the December RSC meeting. The following corrections of the minutes were made: Under County Programs that are Nontraditional – Wabash, Day Reporting, it should read 1 to 10 days, instead of 1 to 5 days; Under Cass County **Out of School Suspension**, Parents pay \$10 up front and \$5 per day for each child. Approval of December Minutes as Amended – Fay Russell motioned, Judge McCallen seconded – motion passed.
2. Handouts Provided To Council: Provider List and their abbreviations, Selections of Services proposed by each county, RFP Attachment A-Funding Source Summary, Total Allocations by County, and Service Categories List from the RFP.
3. Glynn Hipp explained the process used to score the IV B proposals that were received. Each local DCS office read and scored the referrals within their county. Each county then compiled their recommendations for providers of each selected service. This list of proposed service providers is

now being presented to this Regional Service Council for approval. There were approximately 220 different services proposed from about 20 providers within the Region. Glynn indicated that the local office directors have done a great job in getting these completed within ambitious deadlines. In addition, some service gaps that were discussed in past meetings were identified.

4. Additional items to keep in mind: we can still do Memorandums of Understanding for services that are not covered under the IV B process. Additionally, as long as a provider has a contract with the state for services in at least one county, any other county can utilize a provider, if the need arises at a later date and the provider is willing to work within that county. It was noted that Foster Parent Recruitment and Child Advocacy programs will have a separate RFP. If any county uses a service that is provided by other community entities through different funding sources, a contract with the state does not have to be selected. Counties would do an RFP for Alternative Schools if Child Welfare Service money is allotted for other things. It is thought that MOU's can still be done for Child Welfare Service dollars thru calendar year 2006, and perhaps 2007. And finally, what we are agreeing to in these contracts is a unit amount, not a total contract amount.
5. The RSC must now review and approve proposed selections for services. Some proposed services need amended regarding how they will deliver services across the region, and that will take place after the service selection is approved. Additionally, only one provider proposed services for Community Partners in Child Safety. This service will take the place of the Informal Adjustments which are now currently done. Judge Ridlen then made a motion to approve the service providers selected by each county as per the document reviewed. Margery Justice seconded, and the motion passed.
6. Judge Ridlen motioned to adjourn, and the meeting ended at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting of the RSC will be held on Wednesday March 1, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. by teleconference. Please call 574-732-1387. When you hear a click, state your name.